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To exercise
Celebrate Run@Work Day with a community run that begins at noon Friday at The North Face store in the John Hancock Center (875 N. Michigan Ave.).

To learn

Watch as John Kraus of the French Pastry School gives a cooking demonstration at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Green City Market (Stockton and LaSalle Drives).

To yaaargh!

In honor of International Talk Like a Pirate Day, the Real Pirates exhibit will take over the Field Museum (1400 S. Lake Shore Drive) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. The exhibit is included with admission.



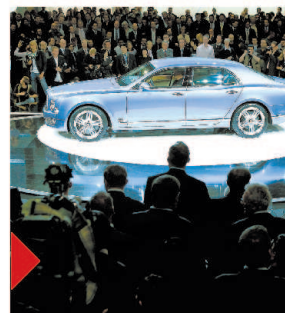
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**Overheard**

OMG, you did NOT just say that!

Guy to a girl, walking on Clark near Belmont

Guy: Well, technically speaking, all chaps are ass-less. —Tim L. via e-mail



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Raymond Clark III (center) is arraigned Thursday at Superior Court in New Haven, Conn., in connection with the murder of Yale student Annie Le. AP



LAB TECH ARRESTED

POLICE DISCUSS CASE AGAINST 24-YEAR-OLD CHARGED IN MURDER OF YALE STUDENT

Associated Press

Raymond Clark III appeared in court and was charged with murder Thursday hours after his arrest in the killing of a graduate student whose body was found stuffed in the wall of the research building where they both worked.

Clark, 24, kept his head bowed during the three-minute appearance in the suffocation death of Annie Le, also 24. He didn't enter a plea and said, "Yes, your honor," when asked whether he understood his rights. The judge then set bail at \$3 million and sent him to a holding cell.

New Haven Police Chief James Lewis said Le's death was a case of workplace violence and elaborated little except to say reports that the two had a romantic relationship were untrue "to my knowledge."

YALE STATEMENT

Richard Levin, the president of Yale, released a statement shortly after the arrest, saying Clark's employment history gave no indication he was capable of such a crime. "This incident could have happened in any city, in any university, or in any workplace. It says more about the dark side of the human soul than it does about the extent of security measures," Levin said in a message sent to the Yale community.

Clark was arrested earlier Thursday at a Super 8 hotel in Cromwell, about 25 miles north of the campus, where he got a room shortly after being released from police questioning in Le's death.

Le was found dead on Sunday, her body hidden in the basement wall of a building where she worked as a medical researcher, on the day she was to marry her college sweetheart, Columbia University graduate student Jonathan Widawsky. The Connecticut medical examiner said Wednesday that Le died of "traumatic asphyxiation."

Authorities released no details on how she died, but traumatic asphyxiation could be consistent with a choke hold or some other form of pressure-induced asphyxiation caused by a hand or an object, such as a pipe.

Clark was under constant surveillance after he was released, and police spent Wednesday night and Thursday morning staking out the Super 8 hotel where Clark was staying.

Google's new paperback push

Associated Press

Google's giving 2 million books in its digital library a chance to be reincarnated as paperbacks.

As part of a deal announced Thursday, Google is opening up part of its index to the maker of a high-speed publishing machine that can manufacture a paperback-bound book of about 300 pages in under five minutes. The new service is an acknowledgment by the Internet search leader that not everyone wants their books served up

on a computer or an electronic reader like those made by Amazon.com and Sony.

The "Espresso Book Machine" has been around for several years already, but it figures to become a hotter commodity now that it has access to so many books scanned from some of the world's largest libraries. And On Demand Books, the Espresso's maker, potentially could get access to even more hard-to-find books if Google wins court approval of a class-action settlement giving

it the right to sell out-of-print books.

In the background, some books that Google spent the past five years scanning into a digital format were returning to their paper origins.

"It's like things are coming full circle," said Google spokeswoman Jennie Johnson. "This will allow people to pick up the physical copy of a book even if there may be just one or two other copies in some library in this country, or maybe it's not even available in this country at all."

Count on it

A quick look at some of the biggest talkers of the day, numerically speaking. REDEYE

\$2 trillion

Worth it

The Federal Reserve says household net worth in America grew by \$2 trillion—the first increase in nearly two years—to \$53.1 trillion in the April to June quarter.

\$6.5 billion

Border line

It will cost taxpayers \$6.5 billion over the next 20 years to maintain the fence along the U.S.-Mexico border, according to a government audit.



10 feet

Not a croc

A 16-year old girl from Lexington, S.C., bagged a 10-foot alligator in a South Carolina swamp. In the middle of the night. With a crossbow. She won one of 1,000 lottery slots for the state's annual public alligator harvest.

7,114

Myanmar's junta has granted amnesty to 7,114 convicts at prisons across the country, but it's not known if that number includes political detainees.

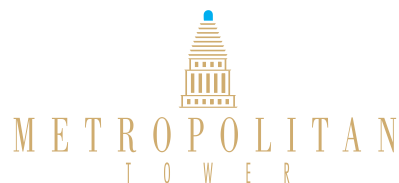
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Enough with the
vampires already

Is it just me, or are vampires actually starting to suck?

It's mind-boggling that I could even write those words, but I'm rapidly losing my affection for the fang gang.

This despite my true love for "True Blood," knowledge of nearly every vamp flick in existence, and an appearance as a rather convincing Glam Vamp last Halloween.

But even I know when to say when.

Pop culture is officially approaching fang fatigue. This week, "Suck," the story of a rock band of sexy vamps, hit the big screen at the Toronto International Film Festival, according to Reuters. The film—which features cameos from music icons Iggy Pop and Alice Cooper—sounds like it could have been intriguing.

Instead, it's just another drab drop in the bloodbath already occupied by The CW's "Vampire Diaries," "True Blood" and the tween-centric, never-ending nonsense known as "New Moon."

Even serious sucker films are being pulverized in the pop machine.

I'd rather be staked than sit through the upcoming American adaptation of "Let the Right One In," a Swedish gem about a boy falling for a vampire who presents as a young girl.

(Hey Team USA, do you remember the havoc you wrought on the "Ring" sequels?)

Sure, I could engineer a one-woman boycott of these blood-soaked movies and shows, ignoring them as I do designer Snuggies, John Mayer, Kanye West and several songs from the Black Eyed Peas.

That approach might benefit me personally, but it wouldn't stop vampires from being played out in pop culture.

I can't allow that.

That's why I'm hoping hard for an antidote for their overexposure and ultimate extinction.

The fastest fang-stopper would be a corny send-up, in which vamps go from glamorous to goofy. Set the steamy, sexy world of "True Blood" and the shriek-tastic series known as "Twilight" on their heads.

I hesitate to mention the Wayans by name after their latest box-office atrocities, but if ever there were a chance for that corny clan to do some good, this is it.

After all, they single-handedly took out the unstoppable serial killer genre with "Scary Movie" and its silly sequels.

If the Wayans are too busy writing "Little Man II: First Grade Begins," perhaps "Arrested Development" genius Mitchell Hurwitz could step in. His dry comedic chops could give us just what we need: the bloody Bluths, a dysfunctional and in-fighting family of vamps who would further serve to knock the "Twilight" glitter off the genre.

I'm guessing Jason Bateman, fresh off "Extract," would look fantastic in fangs.

One socially awkward, idiotic vamp later, Hollywood execs would move on to other monsters.

I'm sure that the Montauk and Chupacabra are up for an audition.



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IOC boss: Obama not able to show



Rogge

Chicago Tribune

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge on Thursday further dampened any lingering speculation that President Obama would appear in Copenhagen next

month to try to seal the deal for a 2016 Summer Games in Chicago.

President Obama “explained to me the current political situation in Washington did not allow him to participate in the bid in Copenhagen,” Rogge said during an international conference call with reporters Thursday.

Rogge was referring to a telephone conversation he had with the president last week. “With a sense of humor, he said he’d send the best part of the couple,” Rogge said, “and that the first lady was the best stand-in for himself. He didn’t speak of coming himself.”

Those remarks are in sync with Obama’s comments Wednesday, when he said he was sending “a more compelling superstar,” his wife, Michelle, to participate in Chicago’s final presentation to the IOC. He made the comments during a pro-Chicago rally on the White House’s South Lawn.

While the IOC is honored by such appearances, they are “absolutely not a requirement of the IOC,” Rogge said Thursday.

The International Olympic Committee will choose a host city during an Oct. 2 meeting in Copenhagen.

Chicago is in a tough competition with Rio de Janeiro, Madrid and Tokyo. In recent years, national leaders have traveled to the IOC meetings to help seal the deal—such as Tony Blair for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and Vladimir Putin for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

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Police move in on an apartment building Thursday as they search for Robert Maday, a federal bank robbery suspect who overpowered officers in a sedan bringing him to a hearing in Rolling Meadows. STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE

ON THE LAM COPS STILL LOOKING FOR ESCAPEE

Chicago Tribune

The search for an escaped “career offender” continued Thursday evening after dozens of law enforcement officers descended on a condo building in Arlington Heights hours before in an effort to locate him.

Police with rifles entered a building in the 2300 block of South Goebbert Road just before 3 p.m. Thursday searching for Robert Maday, 39, who police say escaped from custody at about 9:45 a.m. after overpowering two Cook County investigators bringing him to the Rolling Meadows courthouse, authorities said.

Maday allegedly took a gun and pants belonging to one of the investigators, drove off in their vehicle and abandoned it in Mt. Prospect, authorities said. He then allegedly commandeered an SUV and abandoned it in Arlington Heights.

At least 20 police cars were parked at the Ashton condominium complex on Algonquin Road directly behind Boston Blackie’s restaurant Thursday afternoon. Dozens of police,



Maday

Just before going in, a pickup truck carrying about five officers dressed in camouflage and armed with rifles arrived. One officer covered in camouflage shrubbery carefully approached the building.

Authorities from the U.S. Marshal’s office, FBI and officers from several departments, including Palatine, Elk Grove Village, Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Rosemont, Illinois State Police and Cook County sheriff’s police were on the scene.

Maday had previously lived in the building and may have chosen to return there, sources said. They believe he had been planning his escape for some time and believed he could

some wearing flak jackets and carrying rifles, surrounded the building. There also were snipers, SWAT team members and police dogs on the scene.

overpower the investigators, one of whom is a retired Chicago police officer, the source said. One of the investigators began with the state’s attorney’s office in 1997 and the other in 1994.

At a news conference Thursday, Ralph DeWitt, chief investigator for the Cook County state’s attorney’s office said Maday was sitting in the back seat with one of the investigators while the other was driving. They were driving from the Kankakee County Jail.

As they were driving on Interstate 90 approaching Arlington Heights Road he managed to get the gun of the officer next to him, DeWitt said.

At gunpoint, he got the other officer’s gun and ordered them to pull off the exit and drive to the Meijer store, 1301 Meijer Drive in Rolling Meadows. He also ordered them to give him the key to the shackles, DeWitt said.

“He threatened them both with death and had them drive off the road,” said DeWitt. “This has been a horrendous experience for the investigators.”

City littered with empty buildings

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Time to roll out the vacancy signs. The city Department of Buildings estimates there are 12,000 vacant buildings in Chicago.

The department started a Web site four months ago to track vacancies. Residents can check for abandoned buildings near their home at cityofchicago.org/vacantbuildings.

A RedEye search of the site found West Englewood has 476 vacant buildings, the most of any community area, as of Thursday afternoon. Other areas logged an average of fewer than 20 vacancies.

The site doesn't include all the vacancies in Chicago, just the ones the city has taken action against or has received complaints about, Buildings Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said. Building owners are required to register their property within 30 days after it becomes vacant under an ordinance passed last year by the City Council. The city has registered 4,506 properties since the ordinance took effect in November, McCaffrey said.

The city defines a vacant building as a structure where people aren't living or construction crews aren't working. Signs of abandoned properties include boarded-up windows and doors, no evidence of electricity, an unkempt yard and realtor signs. Foreclosure, family disputes, death of the owner and slumlords are common reasons for vacancies, according to the city.

The Buildings Department said each month it responds to about 1,000 vacant property complaints, typically through 311 calls.

After a resident complains, the Buildings Department inspects the property, and if it's abandoned or used for criminal activity, it's referred to the Circuit Court system. The city tries to identify the building owner who will secure, rehab, sell or raze the structure. If city standards for the building cannot be met, the court may order the building be secured or demolished.

The city has demolished 175 buildings this year, McCaffrey said. The city estimates it spends between \$5,000 to \$14,000 a year to monitor and maintain vacant buildings. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

KEY TO THE MAP

The map shows the number of vacant buildings in the 77 community areas, according to the city Department of Buildings. Data is current as of Thursday afternoon.

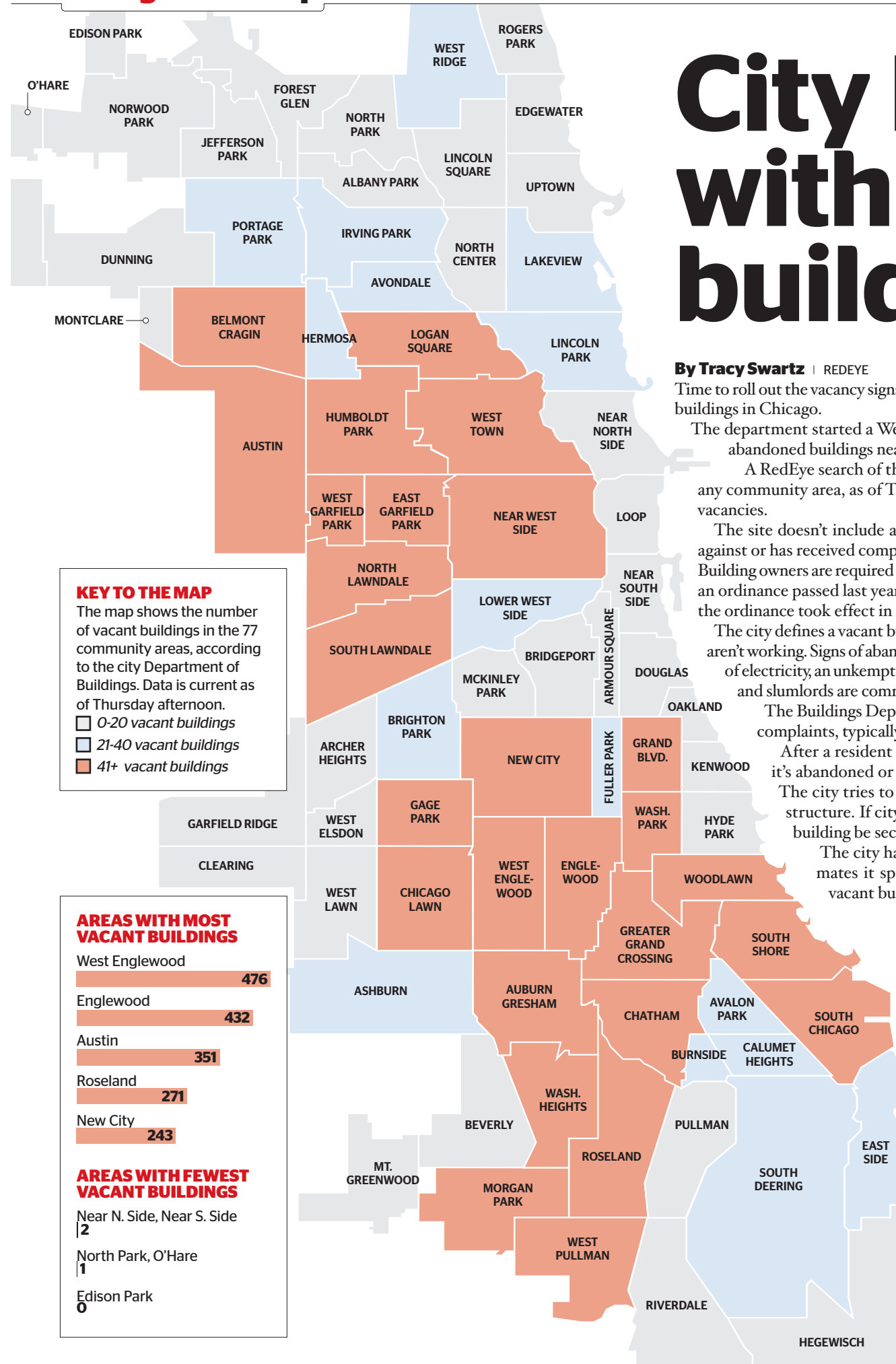
- 0-20 vacant buildings
- 21-40 vacant buildings
- 41+ vacant buildings

AREAS WITH MOST VACANT BUILDINGS

West Englewood	476
Englewood	432
Austin	351
Roseland	271
New City	243

AREAS WITH FEWEST VACANT BUILDINGS

Near N. Side, Near S. Side	2
North Park, O'Hare	1
Edison Park	0



INSIDE THE 8 CATEGORIES

The information on the city's vacant buildings site includes inspection dates, code violations, scheduled court dates and previous court outcomes. There are eight categories for buildings.

» **Fast-track demo:** This program allows the city to board, repair or demolish residential and commercial buildings of up to three stories or less that are vacant, open and constitute a hazard to the community. There are 2,780 buildings in fast-track demolition.

» **Conservation:** A conservation bureau inspector may cite a building but then also refer it to the troubled buildings bureau for follow-up inspection.

» **311 call:** Buildings reported by a call to 311.

» **Demolition court:** An inspector found violations and the city is demanding the site be repaired or demolished. There are 2,510 sites in buildings court.

» **New construction:** Sites under construction or repair.

» **Demolished:** Buildings that have been demolished.

» **Board-up only:** Sites boarded up by the city.

» **Wreck by owner:** Buildings demolished by owners.

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A sign of the times at Jewish service

When Chicago's only Jewish Renewal community assembles at sundown Friday to usher in the High Holidays, its members will take the unusual step of welcoming worshipers for free.

Instead of charging hundreds of dollars—as many Jewish congregations do during the holidays, when services draw the largest crowds of the year—Makom Shalom has asked guests to donate money or non-perishable food only if they are able.

The declining membership and ebbing economy facing many congregations makes Makom Shalom's offer of free admission an extraordinary leap of faith.

Historically, the High Holidays have been a time to shore up the budget.

This year, the holidays will determine whether the congregation and the Jewish Renewal movement, which places a focus on faith and Jewish mystical practices, can continue to exist in Chicago.

"Spirituality is modeling fearlessness, generosity and what we hope people will do in the broader world to address the economic situation," said Rabbi Chava Bahle of Makom Shalom.

"We're very hopeful that people will be inspired and not only do what they can during the holidays, but become part of the congregation."



U. of C. paleontologist Paul Sereno shows off the almost complete fossil of the Raptorex kriegsteini. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**

Meet the mini T. Rex

A Chinese fossil with a shady legal history landed on the doorstep of University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno three years ago. It turned out to be a notable discovery: a 125 million-year-old dinosaur that looks like a smaller version of the most famous dinosaur of all, the 65 million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex.

Sereno and five colleagues introduced Raptorex kriegsteini Thursday with an article in the online edition of the research journal Science.

Raptorex is a big surprise to scientists—a 9-foot-long, 150-pound look-alike of the 43-foot-long, 13,000-pound Tyrannosaurus rex.

Sereno calls Raptorex a "blueprint for a predator," sporting a huge head, powerful jaws, outsized olfactory organs

for acute sense of smell, tiny forelimbs, and horse-like rear legs to swiftly run down prey.

"We have now leap-frogged in our understanding of how Tyrannosaurus rex and its tyrannosaurid relatives came to be on the strength of one specimen that was almost lost to science," he said.

The specimen was illegally dug out of a fossil field in northeast China in the last decade, Sereno said, and sold into an illegal international black market for fossils.

Seven years ago, Henry Kriegstein, a Massachusetts eye surgeon with an abiding love of dinosaurs, attended an Arizona fossil show where a dealer showed him photos of the fossil, still in the block of rock as it was when pulled.

American Airlines expanding here

The parent of American Airlines said Thursday it has obtained \$2.9 billion in new financing and is making changes in its flight schedule that will bolster its presence in Chicago and four other major hubs. Starting next year, American plans to add 57 new flights at O'Hare for a total of 487 daily departures, the largest increase in flying at any of its major airports.

Ex-cops plead guilty

Four former Chicago police officers implicated in the Special Operations Section scandal have made deals to plead guilty in exchange for cooperating with the investigation, a sign that the state and federal probes of one of the city's biggest police corruption scandals ever is coming to a head, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the investigation.

Chicago tops green list

Mayor Daley says he wants to make Chicago the greenest city in America. By one measure, he's done it. Chicago now has more certified green buildings than any other city in the country, according to figures from the U.S. Green Building Council, reports the Tribune's "Cityscapes" blog. The council reports that 88 projects in Chicago have earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

Flu shots due locally by mid-October

Illinois should receive its initial delivery of nearly 2 million individual doses of H1N1 swine flu vaccines by mid-October, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported Thursday.

Health officials said in a statewide teleconference call that 1.5 million doses in the first shipment will go to 2,783 health provider sites outside Chicago.

Slightly fewer than 500,000 doses will go to 1,045 sites in Chicago.

Those provider sites have each signed agreements with federal health authorities that they will vaccinate only individuals in high-priority categories, including pregnant women, care-givers to infants younger than 6 months old, children and young

people from 6 months to 24 years old, health-care workers, and 25- to 64-year-olds with serious underlying health problems.

"Some schools may hold mass vaccinations, but that is a decision to be determined by school districts in conjunction local health departments," said department spokeswoman Melaney Arnold.

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Obama dumps Bush's missile system



1 Getting pied

Participants toss pies for the World's Largest Pie Fight in front of ABC Studio in New York during "Live with Regis & Kelly" to mark a new record in the Guinness World Records book. **AP**

2 Cheney in hospital

Former Vice President Dick Cheney is having elective back surgery at George Washington University Hospital. Cheney spokeswoman Lucy Tutwiler says the surgery Thursday is to deal with lumbar spinal stenosis, a common cause of lower back pain.

3 Car bombing

Islamist insurgents drove two stolen UN cars loaded with explosives onto the main base of African Union peacekeepers in Somalia on Thursday and triggered massive blasts that a witness said killed at least 11 people.

4 Rape hoax?

An attorney for one of the men accused of gang-raping a Hofstra University freshman says the video of the sexual encounter refutes allegations that the victim was tied up and forcibly attacked.

5 Alleged ex-Nazis charged

A Spanish judge on Thursday indicted three alleged ex-Nazi death camp guards who all lived for many years in the U.S., charging them with being accessories to genocide and crimes against humanity.

6 16 killed

A suicide car bomber killed six Italian soldiers and 10 Afghan civilians Thursday in the heavily guarded capital of Kabul—a grim reminder of the Taliban's reach amid political uncertainty in Afghanistan.

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\$12,713

7 A 1966 magazine signed by John Lennon containing his remark that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus has sold for \$12,713 in an online auction run by RR Auction of Amherst, N.H.

8 **WASHINGTON** President Obama announced Thursday that he's scrapping the Bush administration's controversial missile-defense shield, citing new intelligence that shows a diminished threat from the long-range Iranian missiles the system was supposed to guard against.

Key components of the program were to be stationed in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Obama's shift in strategy appeared aimed in good part at Russia, which has vigorously opposed deploying the system near its western borders.

The U.S. apparently hopes the move will ease Moscow's opposition to imposing tough new sanctions on Iran if talks on its nuclear weapons program fail.

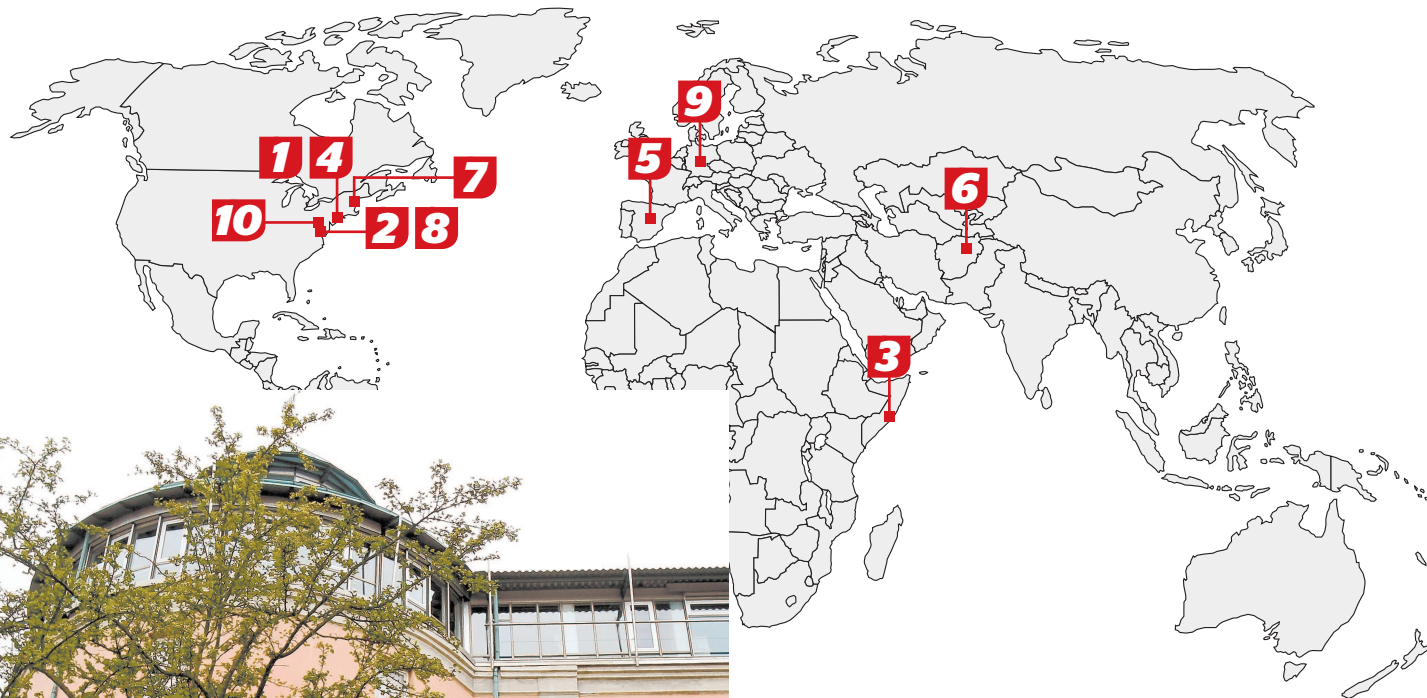
While he was canceling the system of interceptor missiles and tracking radars slated for Eastern Europe, Obama said he had signed off on a new missile defense strategy that would be based on proven technologies and aimed more at the short- and medium-range missiles that Iran is thought to be developing.

That, he said, would result in "stronger, smarter and swifter defenses of American

forces and America's allies."

Conservatives denounced the decision, saying that it called into question the U.S. commitment to allies in Eastern Europe and could embolden Russia.

"Given the serious and growing threats posed by Iran's missile and nuclear programs, now is the time when we should look to strengthen our defenses, and those of our allies," Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) said in a statement. "Missile defense in Europe has been a key component of this approach. I believe the decision to abandon it unilaterally is seriously misguided."



School tragedy

9 An 18-year-old armed with an ax, knives and Molotov cocktails attacked his high school in southern Germany on Thursday, injuring eight students and a teacher before police shot and arrested him, authorities said. **AP**

'I was just excited to give it to her'

10 **PHILADELPHIA** Dad simply wanted a souvenir. He got a ballpark full of cheers and a national TV appearance instead. Steve Monforto made a grand catch of a foul ball at a Philadelphia Phillies game and gave his prize to his 3-year-old daughter. She quickly tossed it back toward the field, and all her stunned Dad could do was hug her.

"At the time I was just excited to give it to her," Monforto told NBC's "Today" show Thursday.

A season-ticket holder who shares Phillies' tickets with friends, Monforto said he didn't consider the possibility that little Emily might toss his treasure from the upper deck.

"I've been waiting so long to catch a foul ball, and over the edge it goes," he said with a laugh.

The family from Laurel Springs, N.J., still went home with a baseball Tuesday night after the Phillies' 5-0 win over the Nationals. Phillies executive Mike Stiles brought it to them in the stands.

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WITH BRIAN URLACHER OUT FOR THE SEASON, HILLENMEYER TAKES ON PIVOTAL STARTER'S ROLE

Bears vs. Pittsburgh

3:15 p.m.
Sunday, CBS

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST Bogged down by injuries last season and unsure he would even make the Bears this year, Hunter

Hillnemyer suddenly has quite a task on his hands.

All he has to do is replace Brian Urlacher. Nothing difficult about that, right?

On the roster bubble just a few weeks ago, Hillnemyer is taking over at middle linebacker for the Bears and stepping into one of the most storied defensive positions in the NFL after the six-time Pro Bowl pick suffered a season-ending wrist injury at Green Bay.

It's Hillnemyer's job to solidify a position once manned by Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary, not to mention the guy who's out, and help the Bears beat the defending champion Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday at Soldier Field.

"My job is not to go try to be Brian Urlacher," Hillnemyer said. "My job is to go play the best I can. It's not my burden, it's the whole defense's burden."

Yet, he knows he can't escape the comparisons. He also realizes he has a big task at hand. And he hopes the results are better than they were when he filled in five years ago, when Urlacher missed seven games with a variety of injuries.

What happened?

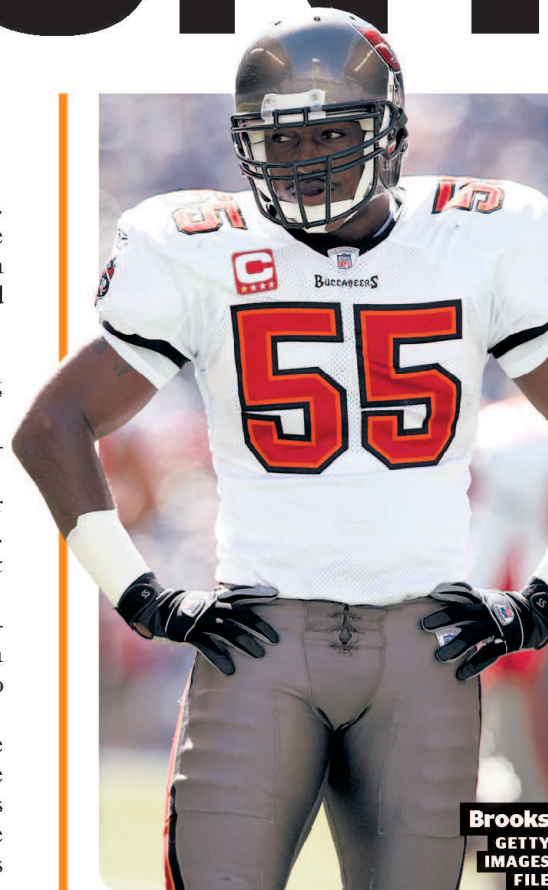
"We went 0-7," Hillnemyer said. Actually, the Bears went 1-6, but who's counting?

The Bears insist they have the depth to compensate this time.

"Hunter's capable," Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Briggs said. "Hunter's very capable. More than capable. We've had good depth at our linebacker position."

Even though the Jay Cutler trade sent expectations soaring, the Bears were still counting on the defense to regain its dominant form after two mediocre seasons. They insist it's still possible.

"By no means does the fact that we feel we have a lot of weapons on offense lower the standard," Hillnemyer said. "We want to be as dominating as we've ever been. We feel like we have the guys to do that, even with the injuries that we have."



Derrick Brooks: Bears an option

Although veteran linebacker Derrick Brooks agreed to a TV gig with ESPN2's "First Take," he still believes the Bears consider him an option after losing Brian Urlacher.

Brooks, interviewed on WMVP-AM 1000's "Waddle & Silvy" show Thursday, believes the chances of him ending up with the Bears are "high" based on his own optimism.

"My understanding of the position that they're in, and me knowing the personalities of Jerry [Angelo] and Lovie [Smith], they really want to evaluate the guys that are there this weekend to give them an opportunity to step in and fulfill the loss of not having Urlacher," said Brooks, an 11-time Pro Bowler. "And they're going to take it from there, the evaluation process. I'm just grateful to be considered an option."

Brooks, 36, was a longtime member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and had Smith as his linebackers coach there.

» The Bears have placed cornerback Trumaine McBride on the waived/injured list and claimed cornerback DeAngelo Smith off waivers. **TRIBUNE, AP**

FOUR SCORE

Every week before the Bears game, RedEye's sports crew gets to the point. Here's what we expect Sunday against Pittsburgh.



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Pittsburgh 34, Bears 20

Jay Cutler, meet Ben Roethlisberger. And meet your fate: 0-2.

Pittsburgh 28, Bears 7

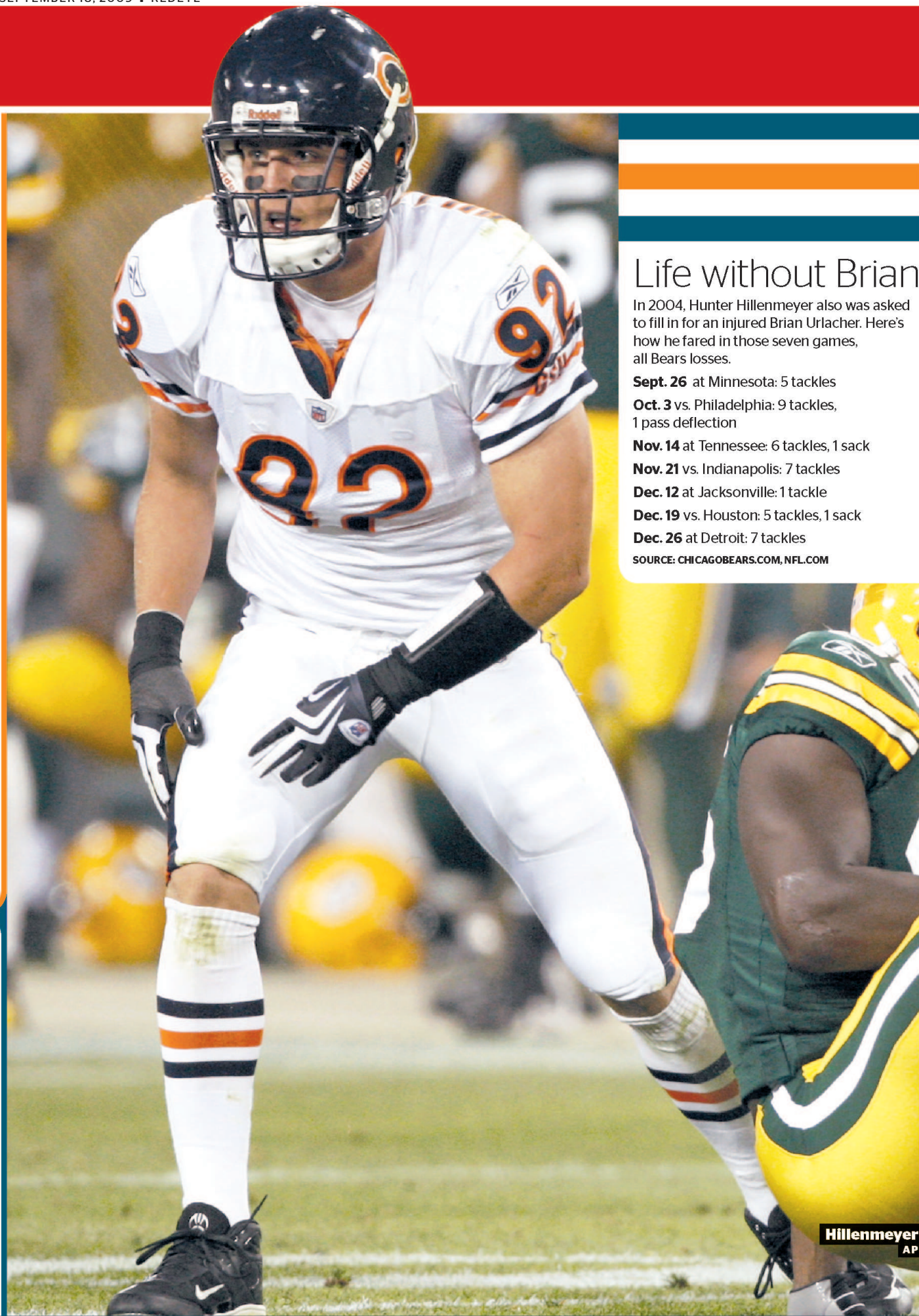
The 28 Pittsburgh points are all from interception returns; the 7 Bears points are from emergency federal aid.

Bears 24, Pittsburgh 23

Defense wins it for the Bears. Just like the old days. Who needs a superstar quarterback, anyhow?

Bears 23, Pittsburgh 10

Jay Cutler snaps back, the secondary shapes up, and the home crowd helps out.



Life without Brian

In 2004, Hunter Hillenmeyer also was asked to fill in for an injured Brian Urlacher. Here's how he fared in those seven games, all Bears losses.

Sept. 26 at Minnesota: 5 tackles

Oct. 3 vs. Philadelphia: 9 tackles, 1 pass deflection

Nov. 14 at Tennessee: 6 tackles, 1 sack

Nov. 21 vs. Indianapolis: 7 tackles

Dec. 12 at Jacksonville: 1 tackle

Dec. 19 vs. Houston: 5 tackles, 1 sack

Dec. 26 at Detroit: 7 tackles

SOURCE: CHICAGOBears.com, NFL.com

I'll say this nicely

It's become quite apparent to me our country is in decline. First, we have Joe Wilson mouthing off to the president, then we have Kanye West grabbing the mic from Taylor Swift at the MTV Video Music Awards. I'm telling you, there's a real lack of civility out there.

As a self-appointed watchdog of these things, you have my word this column will be polite.

Jay Cutler. Sir, could you please refrain from throwing four interceptions ever again in a pro football contest? Much thanks.

I also would politely request the gentlemen known as the Bears offensive line to start playing like men. I was quite disturbed, as were many, at the consistency with which the Packers manhandled you.

Again, a simple reminder to all, the Pittsburgh Steelers, a.k.a. the Super Bowl champs, are coming to town, and they are not, shall we say, very nice.

Fellow athletes, this is a winnable game. I know the loss to the Packers hurts, but please, we threw four picks and still almost won.

The Steelers are down Troy Polamalu. I say we can take them.

A quick word on the loss of Brian Urlacher: tough. New England lost Tom Brady and went 11-5 last year. If you want to be a great team, please do the same.

Perhaps, dear friends, Urlacher's injury is for the best. Hush, you say! Snap, I retort with.

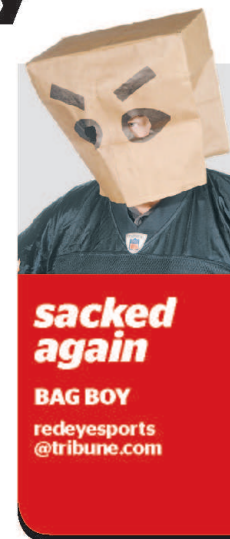
Here's why: If you want to change the mind-set of your organization from a defensive-oriented one to an offensive-minded one, then maybe this needs to be Jay Cutler's team and he—and he alone—should be the face of the franchise. Believe me when I say this is how it's done in about 30 other NFL cities. Weird, huh?

Fellow citizens, let us close on something positive/negative. The White Sox are still in it.

If they were a dog, they would have been put down long ago. But they're not a dog, and they're still in it. And they've done this without Bartolo Colon.

Bartolo Colon ... I'm sorry, I promised politeness.

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1 What kind of reception will Jay Cutler get from fans at Soldier Field on Sunday?	Loud and supportive. But it's the goodbye he needs to worry about.	If the Bears receive well, Cutler will be received well.	I once challenged Sarah Spain to a friendly match of naked Twister—something not unlike her response.	Who cares? What kind of receptions will his receivers get!?!	Worse than the reception I got from my peers over that failed Y2K virus.
2 How would you get the Bears' running game going?	Hand it to the Walter Payton statue 30 times.	Put Jimmy on the team. No one will want to catch him or anything he's got.	I'd talk dirty to it and tell it what a bad, bad running game it's been.	Hypnosis sleep tapes featuring tips from the Vikings' Adrian Peterson.	Implant a chip in Matt Forte that obeys my commands, kinda like the one Adrian Peterson has.
3 What's the best "football" game Sunday: Bears vs. Pittsburgh or Fire vs. Columbus Crew?	Please.	Let's just say if Fire ravages Columbus, I'll be satisfied.	Fire vs. Crew, unless by "game" you mean a merciless beat-down by That Guy's Pittsburgh Steelers.	"If God had wanted man to play soccer, he wouldn't have given us arms." —Mike Ditka	I work in binary code (that's 1's, and 0's for you humans), and so do soccer teams.
4 How come running backs had such a tough time in the first week of NFL play?	The ball is no longer juiced.	It's tough to be back. They need to show everyone how they run things.	Kanye told them the tackles this year were the best of all time.	They just wanted to get home and watch Zac Efron on "Entourage." Dreamy!	Didn't you hear what I just said about those chips?
5 What's one thing Mark DeRosa of St. Louis might say to his ex-team the Cubs on Friday?	"If you want to get away from the Cubs do what I did: Have a stellar year and be a great clubhouse guy."	"My team is hotter than yours, and they always know how to work me."	"Still married to a super-model. Still playing for a division leader. What are you up to?"	"There's always next year. Suckeeerrrrs."	"They should just shut all you guys down."

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Court jester

CLEVELAND LeBron James is leaving Cleveland—for Hollywood.

The Cavaliers superstar and reigning NBA MVP will make his feature film debut by playing himself in an upcoming comedy.

James will appear in “Fantasy Basketball Camp,” about five guys from different backgrounds who come to Las Vegas to live out their fantasy by attending James’ basketball camp. Production begins next summer, when James can become a free agent.

James is experienced in front of the camera. Along with appearing in numerous TV commercials, he has hosted “Saturday Night Live.” James also will be an executive producer on the project along with his business partner, Maverick Carter.

This summer, James has been promoting “More Than a Game,” a documentary that chronicles how he and four childhood friends achieved their dream of winning a high school national championship. The film opens Oct. 2.



LeBron James
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Athletes in action

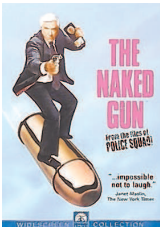
Athletes are no strangers to the big screen. Here are a few of their more memorable—for better or worse—appearances in movies.



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 'Airplane'

In this 1980 must-see comedy, Abdul-Jabbar plays himself but is going by the name Roger Murdock. He delivers this hilarious line in response to a boy criticizing his play: “Listen kid! I’ve been hearing

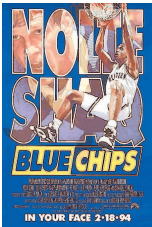
that crap ever since I was at UCLA. I’m out there busting my buns every night. Tell your old man to drag Walton and Lanier up and down the court for 48 minutes.”



O.J. Simpson, 'The Naked Gun'

Before he became a national pariah, Simpson

appeared in this series of comedies in the 1980s and '90s as Detective Nordberg, who is oft-injured and oft-confused. A joke isn't really appropriate now, is it?



Shaquille O'Neal, 'Blue Chips'

Shaq plays a prized recruit of coach Pete Bell, played by Nick Nolte and obviously modeled after fiery real-life coach Bob Knight, who also cameos in this 1994 movie. Get all that?



Michael Jordan, 'Space Jam'

His Airness teamed with cartoon characters to defeat animated aliens in a basketball game. “How good is Michael Jordan playing himself?” Tribune critic Gene Siskel wrote in 1996. “Very good.”



» Illinois starting middle linebacker Martez Wilson (left) will miss the remainder of the season with a neck injury. Coach Ron Zook said Thursday that Wilson will have surgery to repair a herniated disc in his neck.

MILWAUKEE 7, CUBS 4

The Cubs head to St. Louis after Thursday's 7-4 loss to Milwaukee with their slim postseason hopes fading into oblivion. Their magic number for playoff elimination is 10.

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Mark Buehrle needs to pitch two innings Friday to become the only active pitcher to win 10 games, make 30 starts and pitch 200 innings in nine consecutive seasons. But Ozzie Guillen hinted Thursday if the White Sox fall out of contention for the AL Central title, Buehrle will be shut down.



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2 Choose from **new seasonal brews** at North Center bar the Bad Apple (4300 N. Lincoln Ave.), including bottles of O'Fallon Brewery's Pumpkin Beer (\$4.50) and Victory Brewing Company's Festbier (due at the bar next week).

3 Catch the tail end of **Berghoff Oktoberfest**, channeling Germany in Federal Plaza (219 S. Dearborn St.) with \$5 brats, \$2 pretzels, \$5 pints of Marzen Berghoff. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Ends Friday.

1 Join the party at **Chicago Brauhaus** (4732 N. Lincoln Ave.), serving German-food favorites, pouring \$6.50 half-liters of Spaten Oktoberfest and showcasing live music (7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday; 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday). Through October.

4 If Oktoberfest brews fill you up after a few sips, try the lighter, more drinkable **Summit Brewing Company's Oktoberfest**, on special for \$4 through October at Matisse (674 W. Diversey Pkwy.).

5 Tuck into a Piece (1927 W. North Ave.) of pizza topped with thuringer from Paulina Meat Market and wash it down with a \$4 pint of Oktoberfest at **Piece's tapping party**, which features other local Oktoberfest brews. 8 p.m. Sept. 29.

6 Baked oysters replace the raw bivalves of past years during this weekend's **Land Shark Lager Oyster Fest**. Chow down six for \$20 along with \$5 Land Shark pints and hear tunes from Soul Asylum. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday. \$5 donation; \$7 after 5 p.m.

7 Want to make beer-drinking a career? Enter to be named Oktoberfest Grand Marshal—complete with a one-year \$500 “salary”—at the **Oktoberfest pig roast** at Murphy's Bleachers (3655 N. Sheffield Ave.). \$20-\$25, includes food and drinks. 3-7 p.m. Sept. 27.

8 Throw back a pint (\$5.50) of **just-tapped Oktoberfest** at Rock Bottom (1 W. Grand Ave.). Still thirsty? Get tix to next month's tasting featuring 25-plus German-style beers from Chicago-area breweries. \$35. 1 p.m. Oct. 10. brownpapertickets.com.

9 Kick-start the season in two parts at Sheffield's (3258 N. Sheffield Ave.). First, at the bar's **Oktoberfest bash** (2 p.m. Saturday), featuring sets by the Polkaholics. Second, with a **Great Lakes Oktoberfest Beer Dinner** (7 p.m. Sept. 23. \$60), serving four courses of German fare with Glockenspiel and more.

10 Clocking in at \$36 and 72 ounces, **Das Bier Boot** at Clybar (2417 N. Clybourn Ave.) is cheaper and more thirst quenching than getting a boot from the city's parking inspectors. Any of the bar's tap beers are available in the boot-shaped glass, but we suggest filling it with Great Lake's Oktoberfest.

11 Mark your calendar for **Oktoberfest Weekend** at Uberstein (3478 N. Clark St.). On Oct. 9, chug \$10 (plastic) liter boots of Warsteiner Oktoberfest (7 p.m.-2 a.m.) and come back for a German costume party and Hoffbrau keg tapping on Oct. 10 (8 p.m.-3 a.m.).

12 Geek out with an unrivaled lineup of Oktoberfest, harvest and pumpkin beers that includes a 5-year vertical of Ayinger Oktoberfest at Delilah's (2771 N. Lincoln Ave.) **Oktoberfest & Pumpkin Beer Festival**. 5 p.m. Sept. 29.

13 Fete Oktoberfest in one big burst at the **Prost! on Paulina** pub crawl. Start at Frasca (3358 N. Paulina St.) for a complimentary slice of beer-crust pizza and \$3 Sam Adams Oktoberfest pints before touring four more spots for beer deals and prizes. 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Sept. 25.

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Head to Humboldt Park to celebrate the **first Oktoberfest season** at Rootstock Wine & Beer Bar (954 N. California Ave.) with a 22-ounce bottle of Three Floyds Munsterfest (\$16).

15 Beer is great, but if you're indulging in Oktoberfest traditions, you'll want to eat something too. Dunlays on the Square (3137 W. Logan Blvd.) offers a **\$16 all-you-can-eat** option of German classics from 3-9 p.m. Sept. 26.

16 Tired of being an oompah band spectator? Try your hand at **accordion lessons** at the Old Town School of Folk Music (4544 N. Lincoln Ave.). Register now for Accordion 1, a group lesson that meets noon Sundays starting Nov. 1.

best bets

By Samantha Nelson
metromix@tribune.com

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County Fair

Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave.

FREE

Celebrate harvest season at this ninth annual “urban hoedown” with a recipe swap, farmers market, honey sales and more. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 773-638-1766.

Musky Fest

Will's Northwoods Inn, 3030 N. Racine Ave. 773-528-4400.

Toast all things Wisconsin at the annual indoor-outdoor bash. Festivities include beer games and the crowning of the Musky Queen. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. No cover.

Tree House on the Catwalk

Spin, 800 W. Belmont Ave.

Check out the latest looks from Chicago salons at a hair-and-fashion show to raise money for the cats at Tree House Humane Society. 7-10 p.m. \$20. 773-784-5488 ext. 238.

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Bears vs. Steelers viewing party

Dunlays on the

Square, 3137 W. Logan Blvd. 773-227-2400.

Don't want to get dirty looks for cheering against the Bears? Watch the game with Pittsburgh fans while drinking half-price drafts and \$2 Iron City bottles. 3:15 p.m. No cover.

Urban Assault Ride

Murphy's Bleachers, 3655 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-5356.

Grab a buddy and compete to win a pair of bikes by tackling challenges while riding modified Big Wheels and other cycles during this scavenger hunt. 9 a.m. \$30-\$65. Registration: urbanassaultride.com



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Martini deals

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BOWMAN'S BAR & GRILL

\$5 martinis and bombs, \$10 sangria pitchers, \$7 fried fish dinner. One drink minimum with food specials; 4356 N. Leavitt St. 773-478-9999.

BRIDGET MCNEILL'S

Half-price martinis, \$5 bombs, \$4 nachos. Food specials are dine-in only; 420 W. Belmont Ave. 773-248-6654.

CITYSCAPE BAR

Pre-theater deal. \$40 for two appetizers and two martinis per couple; 350 W. Mart Center Drive Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 15th Floor. 312-836-5000.

DIRTY MARTINI

\$10 Ultimad vodka martinis; 23 W. Hubbard St. 312-661-1230.

FEARON'S PUBLIC HOUSE

\$6 Absolut martinis, \$4 Spaten drafts, \$6 pasta dinners, \$3 Bud Light drafts; 3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990.

THE FIRKIN & PHEASANT

\$5 Stoli martinis, \$3 Coors Light pints, \$3.50 select domestic beer bottles, \$4 Stoli cocktails, \$4 Jameson

shots or cocktails, \$5 import drafts, \$12 Coors Light pitchers; 670 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-327-7040.

FORNO DIABLO

\$6 Absolut martinis; 433 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-525-6400.

THE GRAND CENTRAL

\$5 Bacardi bombs and Absolut martinis, \$5 any appetizer; 950 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-832-4000.

HAWKEYE'S BAR AND GRILL CHICAGO

\$6 Absolut martinis, \$3 Jack Daniel's and SoCo shots, \$4 Blue Moon pints, \$15 Miller Lite buckets, \$4 draft of the month; 1458 W. Taylor St. 312-226-3951.

JUNIOR'S SPORTS LOUNGE

\$3 martinis. \$5 with student ID; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

LEG ROOM

\$5 select martinis and Stoli cocktails, \$4 Malibu cocktails, \$4 Corona and Bacardi mojito bottles, \$7 Long Islands and Long Beach drinks, DJ Hitman spins 11 p.m.; 7 W. Division St. 312-337-2583.

MATISSE

\$5 martinis; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

MOXIE

\$5 martinis; 3517 N. Clark St. 773-935-6694.

RED IVY

\$8 Belvedere martinis, \$4 Absolut flavors cocktails, \$5 Belvedere cocktails; 3525 N. Clark St. 773-472-0900.

REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT

\$5 Stoli and Beefeater martinis, half-price bottles of wine, \$3 Shiner Bock bottles; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

ROSCOE'S TAVERN

\$3 off martinis and manhattans, \$6 Bacardi bombs, \$14 Absolut pink lemonade pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

SEDGWICK'S BAR & GRILL

\$5 specialty martinis, \$5 Long Island iced teas, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.), free food buffet (11 p.m.); 1935 N. Sedgwick St. 312-337-7900.

SOPO

\$5 martinis and mojitos, 50 cent wings; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

SPIN

\$7 Absolut martinis, \$4 Magic Hat No. 9 drafts, \$5 Absolut cocktails, VJ Riley York and DJ Luis M 10 p.m. No cover; 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711.

UNION PARK

\$5 Absolut martinis, half-price entrees; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

WILD PUG

Half-price specialty martinis, DJ Vox Vox spins 9 p.m.; 4810 N. Broadway. 773-784-4811.



Brand-new bars

Get the latest on just-opened spots, from pints and pot pie at Beckett's Public House in Lakeview to sophisticated sips at Bar Novo (above) at metromix.com.

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The seven-night event is here! Check
metromix.com for full schedule.
10 p.m. Fri. \$12. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln
Ave. 773-404-9869.

OWEN

Local singer plays release show for
"New Leaves."
7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Fri. \$12-\$15.
Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave.
housecallent.com

HEALTH

California noisemakers can both soothe
and freak out. With Pictureplane, Bird
Names, Daniel Francis Doyle.
9:30 p.m. Fri. \$10. Empty Bottle, 1035 N.
Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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9 p.m. Fri. \$25. Logan Square
Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Ave.
773-620-7909.



Health

FRIDAY CONCERTS

* World Music Festival

ANDREAS KAPSALIS AND GORAN IVANOVIC GUITAR DUO

8:30 p.m. \$5. Goose
Island Wrigleyville, 3535
N. Clark St. 773-832-
9040.

ANNI ROSSI, PICASTRO, MY NAME IS NOBODY

9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's,
2101 N. California Ave.
mpshows.com

ASTRAL PROJECT

9 p.m. \$12. Green Mill,
4802 N. Broadway. 773-
878-5552.

BADFISH, SCOTTY DON'T

6:30 p.m. \$20-\$22.50.
House of Blues, 329 N.
Dearborn St. 312-923-
2000.

* BEABA DO SAMBA

10 p.m. \$10 suggested
donation. Uncommon
Ground on Devon, 1401
W. Devon Ave. 773-465-
9801.

BUCKETHEAD, WOLFF

7:30 p.m. \$23-\$25.
Vic Theatre, 3145 N.
Sheffield Ave. 773-472-
0449.

* CARA DILLON

9 p.m. \$15. World Folk
Music Company, 1808 W.
103rd St. 773-779-7059.

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM, NESEY GALLONS, PIPES YOU SEE, PIPES YOU DON'T

10 p.m. \$12. Chopin
Theatre, 1543 W. Division
St. 773-278-1500.

DRIFTLESS PONY CLUB, THE EMBRACEABLES, LAURA BARRETT

10:30 p.m. \$8.
Subterranean,
2011 W. North Ave.
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THE ELMS, VERY EMERGENCY

10:30 p.m. \$9-\$11. House
of Blues, Back Porch
Stage, 329 N. Dearborn
St. 312-923-2000.

GORGEOUS LITTLE GIRLS, BROTHER TRUCK, STEVE ECK AND THE MIDNIGHT STILL

10 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354
W. Wabansia Ave. 773-
227-4433.

GREEN SUGAR, THE MIDNIGHT SHOWS, MY MY MY, TENNIS COURTS

8 p.m. \$8. Bottom
Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St.
312-666-6775.

HARRIS AND THE MOOD, SOUL REVOLT, BLACK UMBRELLA BRIGADE

10 p.m. \$7. Cubby Bear,
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MATT ROBINSON BAND, CHESTER, EMPRA, BEAZLEY PHILLIPS

9 p.m. \$6-\$8. Abbey Pub
and Restaurant, 3420 W.
Grace St. 773-478-4408.

THE METHADONES,

JETTY BOYS, HORACE PINKER, VORTIS

10 p.m. \$8-\$10. Reggie's
Rock Club, 2109 S. State
St. 312-949-0120.

* MOSTAR SEVDAH REUNION

8 p.m. \$15. Old Town
School of Folk Music,
4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-
728-6000.

POI DOG PONDERING

10 p.m. \$25. Schubas,
3159 N. Southport Ave.
773-525-2508.

RANDY ROGERS BAND, CHARLIE SHAFTER AND THE GNOMES

8:30 p.m. \$10. Joe's, 940
W. Weed St. 312-337-
3486.

RAW FOOTAGE BAND, THE FLAVOR SAVERS, MACGUFFIN, FLAT SALLY, GERRY SEARS

8:30 p.m. \$9. Elbo Room,
2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-
549-5549.

STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS, CARBON LEAF, TOBY LIGHTMAN

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ALICE IN CHAINS

9 p.m. \$23. House of
Blues, 329 N. Dearborn
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SATURDAY

BROOKE WAGGONER, DENISON WITMER

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* CARA DILLON, KUSUN ENSEMBLE, CHICAGO AFROBEAT PROJECT

7 p.m. \$10 suggested
donation. Edgewater
Gralley Festival, 1400
W. Granville Ave. 773-
761-1782.

CAREY OTT AND CHRIS GELBUDA

7 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855
N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-
9869.

THE CLARKS

10 p.m. \$15. Beat Kitchen,
2100 W. Belmont Ave.
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ELLIS PAUL, ARI HEST

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Ind. 866-711-7463.

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Rock Club, 2109 S. State
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HEY MERCEDES, NOISE BY NUMBERS, THE ETIQUETTE

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IDA MARIA, LADYHAWKE, SEMI PRECIOUS WEAPONS, SLIMY

7:30 p.m. \$17.50. Metro,
3730 N. Clark St. 773-
549-0203.

LOS FABULOSOS CADILLACS

9 p.m. \$30. Congress
Theatre, 2135 N.
Milwaukee Ave. 773-
276-1235.

LOU GRAMM, SUNFALLEN

8:30 p.m. \$15. Joe's,
940 W. Weed St. 312-337-
3486.

* MARIA DE BARROS, MARKUS JAMES AND THE WASSONRAI

8 p.m. \$15. Old Town
School of Folk Music,
4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-
728-6000.

* ORCHESTRA OF TETOUAN, AL SHAM ENSEMBLE

7:30 p.m. \$15. Museum
of Contemporary Art,
220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-
280-2660.

* PARNO GRASZT, MOSTAR SEVDAH REUNION

10 p.m. \$12. Martyrs',
3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-
404-9869.

RICHARD BUCKNER, DEATH SHIPS, JARED BARTMAN

9 p.m. \$14. Empty Bottle,
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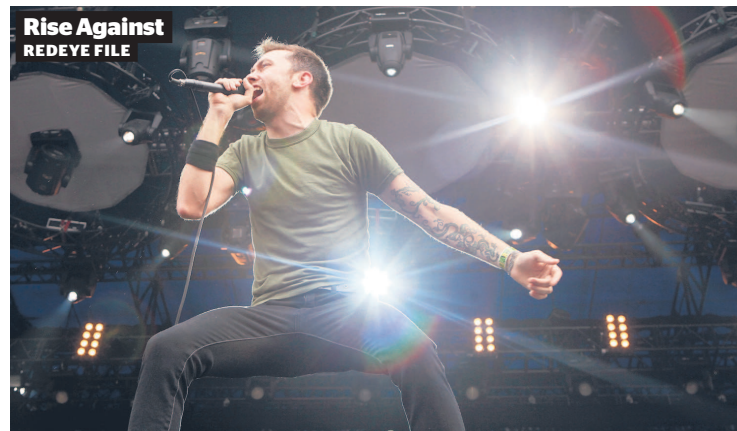
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PICKY VS. PRACTICAL

WHEN DOES A DATING CHECKLIST KILL YOUR GAME?

By **Leonor Vivanco**
REDEYE

Whitney Marks is holding out for the ideal guy.

Mr. Perfect is between the ages of 25 and 32, is an undercover nerd who can have deep conversations and is passionate about what he's pursuing in life. He has long-term goals. And he has to be physically attractive—"I-want-to-rip-your-clothes-off" handsome, according to Marks. (It also helps if he looks like her favorite rapper, T.I.)

Marks, 23, a graduate student who lives in the Gold Coast, says her mom tells her to give more guys a chance.

"She said I should meet someone and not care about how they look, and maybe we would have a conversation and I would like them based on our mutual interests," she said.

Marks, who is dating but hasn't been in a committed relationship since January, doesn't label herself as too picky. And she's certainly not the only single person to have a dating checklist. While relationship experts say it's fine to have one, if you're too nitpicky, you risk ruling out everybody in your quest for Mr. or Mrs. Right.

When looking for The One in Chicago—a city Forbes named last month as the third best for singles—it's not uncommon for daters to create a list of must-have traits in a mate. Some online dating sites allow users to be as specific as having height, eye color and body type requirements.

But relationship experts caution against obsessing over finding the perfect person.

In doing so, they say, you could be passing

MAGIC NUMBER?

Having a list can serve as a dating action plan to help screen suitors, says Aurora-based psychotherapist Brian Rzepczynski. Daters should decide which qualities and traits go on the list, why they matter, and whether they are negotiable or non-negotiable, he said.

Generally, people have a list of 8 to 12 deal-breakers, he said. Any more is too picky, and hardly any means they may not be aware of what their needs are, he said.

If the list is lengthy, ask yourself if you have too many expectations and if you can be flexible on any of the expectations to whittle the list down, he said.

"It's really just the closest version to what's going to make you feel the most happiness," Rzepczynski said.

over potential matches.

"When you start making a laundry list, that's when you stay single," said Patti Stranger of Bravo's "Millionaire Matchmaker." The show follows Stranger's matchmaking service in which she helps wealthy singles meet the people of their dreams. She suggests daters look for five characteristics in their mates—and no more than two should be physical traits.

Daters need to find a happy medium, said Charlene Krombeen, a psychotherapist in the Loop.

"If you find yourself not going on any dates and you're really looking for somebody, perhaps take a closer look at your list," she said. That doesn't mean lowering standards, she said, but understanding why those traits are on your radar and possibly

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Nope! Beer goggles.

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COMPUTING:

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fine-tuning them. If your standards are too exclusionary, question whether you really want to be in a relationship, Krombeen said. "If it gets to a point where you need somebody who has clean toenails all the time, [ask yourself] are you starting to pick somebody apart as a way to keep your own walls up?" she said.

Obsessing over whether your date meets every one of your standards can suck the romance out of dating.

"It's really about balance: staying on target with what you're looking for but being open with people to get to know them," Krombeen said.

Even if a date meets the standards, that doesn't mean chemistry is a sure thing. The bottom line, Krombeen said, is people have to have that connection with somebody.

When somebody sticks solely to his or her "type," it can be problematic, said Brian Rzepczynski, a psychotherapist based in Aurora who runs thegaylovecoach.com. An example is somebody who will date only a blond of a certain height.

"While it's important for you to be attracted, to really limit yourself to just that you can be missing out on somebody else" who may meet the other dating criteria, Rzepczynski said.

Ron Taylor, 31, who lives in Auburn Gresham, is seeking a beautiful, curvy, ambitious, college-educated, fun, outgoing woman between the ages of 28 and 32 who likes to travel and is not a smoker. But he's flexible on age and if she has kids.

"No person is going to be 100 percent of the list. I'll be lonely for the rest of my life if I think that," said Taylor, a banquet cook at the Ritz-Carlton and aspiring chef.

Instead, he's aiming for a woman who meets 85 percent of the list, which he considers a work in progress. And the traits change as he gets older and figures out what he likes in a partner.

"I think it's important that you do have criteria for what you want," Taylor said. "You shouldn't just settle for anyone or anything."

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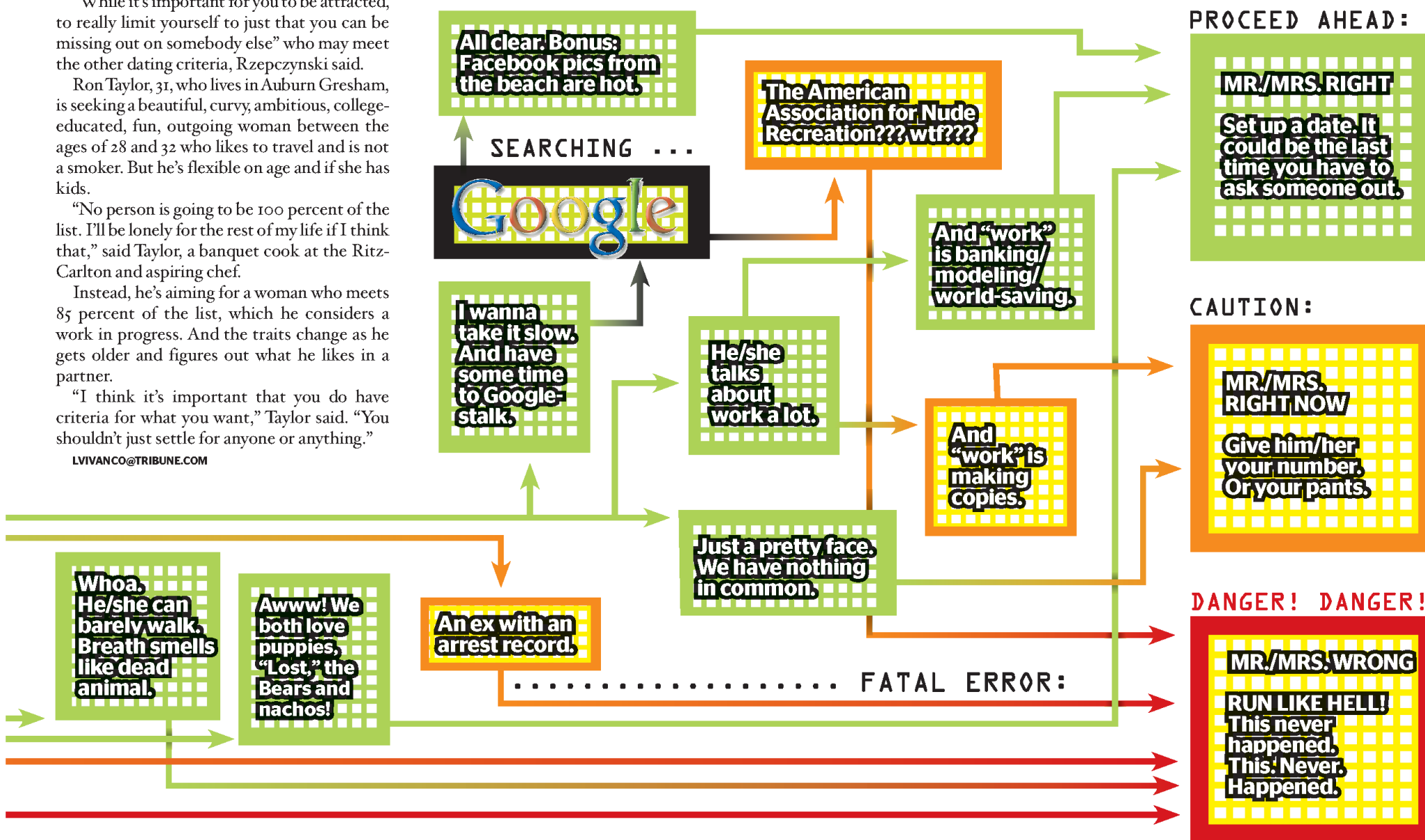
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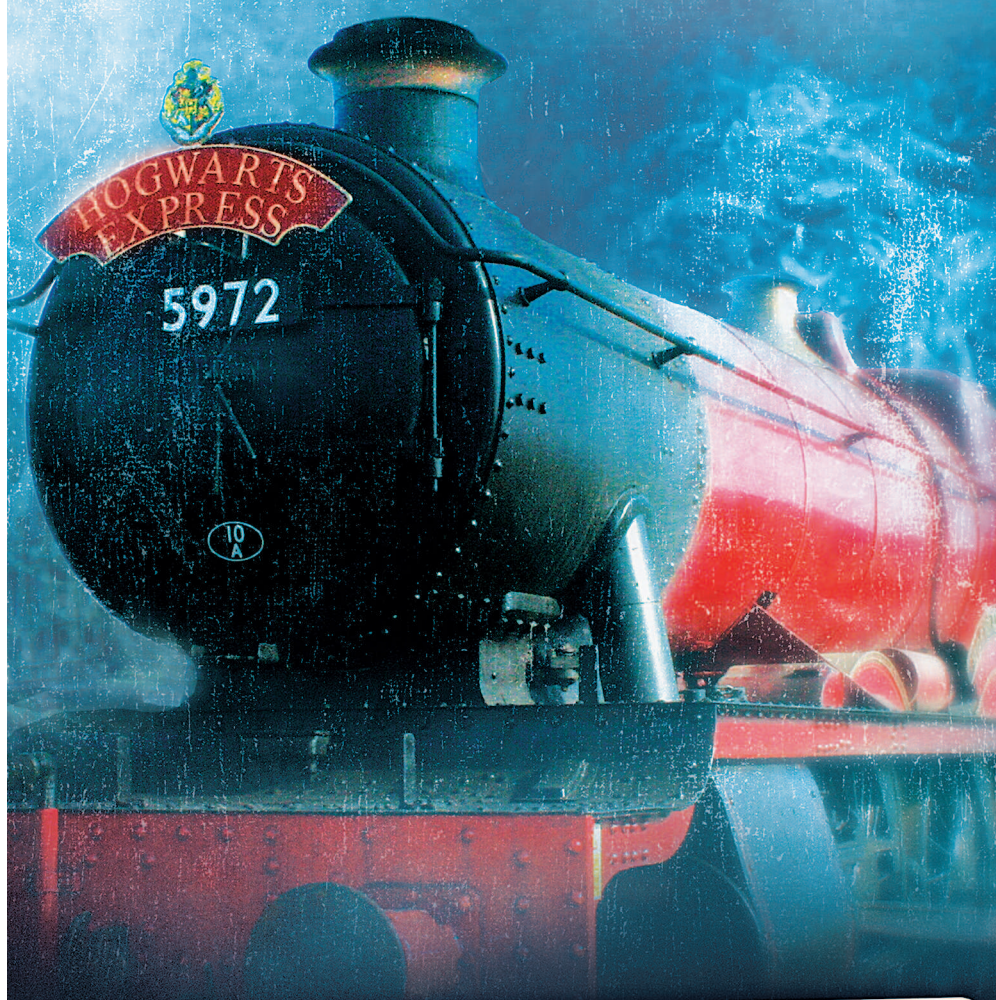
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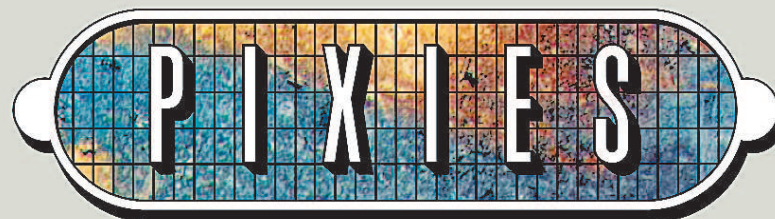
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Cecilia Roth (left) and Julio Chavez in 'Epitafios' HBO

TV 'Epitafios'

9 p.m. Friday, HBO Latino; 10 p.m. Tuesday, HBO2

I have to hunt down the first season of this excellent thriller that, in its second season, has detectives Renzo Marquez (Julio Chavez) and Marina Segal (Cecilia Roth) tracking a serial killer who copies 20-year-old murders and then creates photographic portraits of them—suitable for framing! As I watched this gruesome, tense and beautifully filmed (in Buenos Aires) series, the same sick feeling of foreboding crept into my stomach that I felt while watching the film "Seven" for the first time. Thankfully, the graphic images did not make me pass out this time. "Epitafios," "Epitaph" in English, is shown in Spanish with English subtitles, but believe me, it's worth the extra effort. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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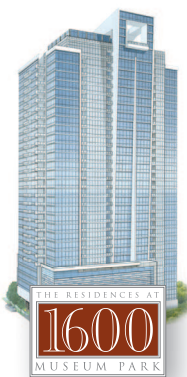
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Ticketmaster targets brokers, scalpers

Says paperless option will keep middlemen out of resale market

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Ticketmaster Entertainment has developed a new way to resell tickets that shuts out the brokers and scalpers it has long scorned, and instead keeps the profits for itself, musicians and venue owners.

The system relies on Ticketmaster's "paperless" platform, which makes customers prove their purchase by showing a credit card and ID when they arrive at an event. Without paper tickets, there's nothing for scalpers to resell.

Now with its new exchange system, Ticketmaster has come up with a way to let buyers resell a paperless ticket, while still cutting out ticket-resale leader StubHub and other brokers. That gives Ticketmaster a chance to capture more of the so-called secondary market, which generates greater fees and profits per ticket, although fans sometimes feel ripped off.

Paperless tickets still account for fewer than 1 percent of all ticket sales, said analyst Brett Harriss of Gabelli & Co.



A Penn State student swipes his photo ID to get into the Sept. 5 football game against Akron. Ticketmaster used the game as a test run for its new paperless system. AP

But that could be changing. Prominent musicians, such as Miley Cyrus and even former Ticketmaster critics Bruce Springsteen and Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor, have taken up Ticketmaster's paperless tickets. Nine Inch

Nails' Web site called the move "an effort to keep tickets in the hands of the fans and out of the hands of brokers/scalpers."

The resale system debuted this month at Penn State's football season opener and is like-

ly headed for other collegiate stadiums. The university's trial of the system cut reselling dramatically, partly because a cap was put on the price for which tickets could be resold.

Penn State capped the number of games students could resell at six. It also limited the resale price per game to \$60, or about twice the face value and fees on the original tickets. That capped a reseller's potential profit at \$120, counting fees paid to Ticketmaster, as opposed to nearly \$1,200 in the past.

Just 965 students chose to resell their tickets for the season opener against Akron on Sept. 5, and the average resale price was just \$39.61, said associate athletic director Greg Myford.

Artists or venue owners will determine whether an event with paperless ticketing makes use of the new exchange system, said Dave Scarborough, Ticketmaster's executive vice president of technology.

StubHub, a subsidiary of eBay, said the setup limited options for fans.

"We don't think fans are excited about the lack of choice and the lack of options outside of the Ticketmaster wall," said StubHub spokesman Andy Pray. "It limits the choices for fans if they want to resell or pass them along the chain."



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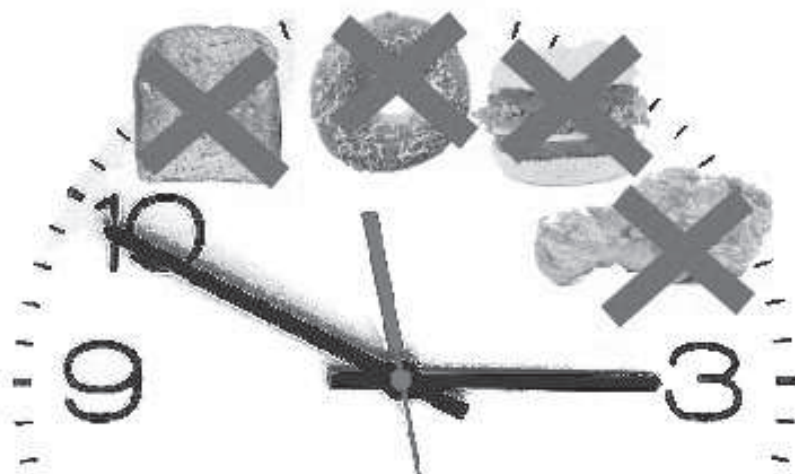
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» **Close up the kitchen.** As soon as you've cleaned up from dinner, turn out the lights, put all leftovers away and shut any doors.

» **Never starve yourself.** Eating healthy meals and snacks throughout the day will curb hunger pangs at night. Some people do well with a small snack—an apple, for example, or a few crackers with peanut butter—an hour or two before bedtime.

» **Get busy.** Nighttime binges often stem from boredom or loneliness. Instead of just sitting in front of the TV, take a walk, sign up for an evening class, take a bubble bath or call a friend.

» **Keep your hands busy.** Pick up a hobby such as knitting, journaling, scrapbooking or doing crossword puzzles.

» **Go for liquids.** Have a glass of water or a cup of decaffeinated herbal tea or sugar-free hot chocolate instead of food. If you must chew something, pop in some sugarless gum.

» **Purge your pantry.** You can't pig out on cookies and chips if they're not in the house. Instead, keep lots of fresh fruits and vegetables on hand.

» **Have dinner later.** If you regularly get hungry before bedtime, try moving dinnertime back a little if possible. Just keep it healthy and watch portion sizes.

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NOMINEES: "Big Love," "Breaking Bad," "Damages," "Dexter," "House," "Lost," "Mad Men"

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KANYE'D: "Mad Men," I'm happy for you, but 'Breaking Bad' had one of the best seasons of all time."



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The Emmys: Kanye style

I doubt Kanye West will attend Sunday's Emmy Awards ceremony, but what if he did? Here's who I predict will win Emmys on Sunday, and those nominees who I think should have—wait, Kanye, sit down!

ACTOR/COMEDY

NOMINEES: Jim Parsons, "Big Bang Theory"; Jemaine Clement, "Flight of The Conchords"; Tony Shalhoub, "Monk"; Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock"; Charlie Sheen, "Two and a Half Men"

WILL WIN AND SHOULD WIN: Baldwin



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ACTOR/DRAMA

NOMINEES: Bryan Cranston, "Breaking Bad"; Michael C. Hall, "Dexter"; Hugh Laurie, "House"; Gabriel Byrne, "In Treatment"; Simon Baker, "The Mentalist"; Jon Hamm, "Mad Men"

WILL WIN: Byrne

KANYE'D: "Yo Gabriel, you all right. But Michael C. Hall plays a serial killer and we still love him."



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ACTRESS/COMEDY

NOMINEES: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "The New Adventures of Old Christine"; Christina Applegate, "Samantha Who?"; Sarah Silverman, "The Sarah Silverman Program"; Tina Fey, "30 Rock"; Toni Collette, "United States of Tara"; Mary-Louise Parker, "Weeds"

WILL WIN: Fey

KANYE'D: "Tina, I'm gonna let you finish in a minute. But Toni Collette played four different people in the same body!"

ACTRESS/DRAMA

NOMINEES: Sally Field, "Brothers & Sisters"; Kyra Sedgwick, "The Closer"; Glenn Close, "Damages"; Mariska Hargitay, "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"; Elisabeth Moss, "Mad Men"; Holly Hunter, "Saving Grace"

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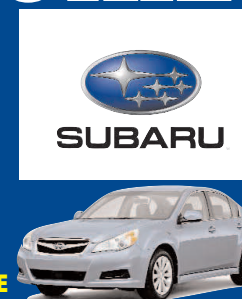


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A decade past 'Rushmore,' Schwartzman hits stride

Associated Press

"Can I do a flashback?" asks Jason Schwartzman.

The 29-year-old actor and musician is chatting over coffee, sitting in a Manhattan hotel lobby almost Zen-like, but full of questions and curiosity. He clearly relishes conversation, pursuing any tangents with a lively interest:

- » Words he hates: "vibe, journey and voice."
- » The "amazingness" of math: "Logic plus logic equals the illogical. Do you know what I mean?"
- » The previous night's Steelers game: "The [bleep] has pretty much hit the fan."

Schwartzman's storytelling is vibrant, abstract and often not chronological. And at this particular moment, everything seems to relate back to the past. Schwartzman made his film debut 11 years ago in Wes Anderson's "Rushmore" as Max Fischer, the spectacled, love-crazed, eminently intrepid teenage misfit—easily one of the most remarkable first stabs at movie acting.

"I can't express enough to you how bizarre that experience was," Schwartzman recalls. "It was like a drive-by shooting, but a positive one."

Playing such a particular part at a young age



Jason Schwartzman is photographed in New York. AP

(he was a senior in high school) seemed just the kind of role that might be difficult to grow out of. But since then, Schwartzman has made few missteps and given several strong performances

in such films as "Marie Antoinette" and "The Darjeeling Unlimited."

But 2009 is shaping up to be especially good for Schwartzman. He played a memo-

rable smarmy supporting role in Judd Apatow's "Funny People" and he lends his voice to Anderson's animated "Fantastic Mr. Fox," which comes out in November.

His highest-profile work, though, is starring in the new HBO series, "Bored To Death." He plays a Brooklyn writer, Jonathan Ames, who after splitting up with his girlfriend (and reading a Raymond Chandler novel) decides to post a message on Craigslist offering his services as a private detective.

He's no expert, but he's no Clouseau, either. Ames may fall asleep on a stakeout or fall too easily for a femme fatale, but with earnestness and a strident belief in love, he somehow seems to solve cases. (He's also got some help from his magazine editor, played in scene-stealing fashion by Ted Danson, and a friend, played by Zach Galifianakis.)

"The characters that I've been lucky enough to play I would say all want something really badly. I typically find that they're at make-or-break moments," Schwartzman said.

"I've been in that situation a lot personally, so I'm very attracted to it. I like people that are so close to falling apart in order to get it together."

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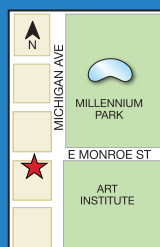
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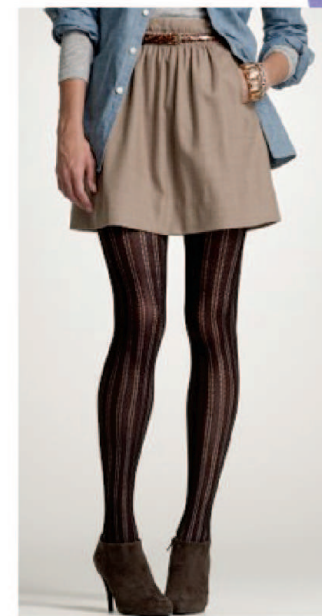
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Now Damon insists Bourne could kick Bond’s butt.

Which Bond? “I could take Roger Moore,” Damon said. **AP**

**MATT PAIS
SAYS ‘THE
INFORMANT!’
IS VASTLY
ENTERTAINING.
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Body of lies

Damon packed on the pounds to play scheming whistle-blower in ‘Informant!’

Associated Press

Matt Damon was thrilled eight years ago when Steven Soderbergh asked him to play a tubby oddball with a self-destructive talent for spinning colossal lies.

At the time, Damon feared he had used up the good will from his one certified Hollywood grand slam on “Good Will Hunting,” a commercial hit that earned him a best-actor Academy Award nomination and an Oscar for the screenplay he wrote with buddy Ben Affleck.

“Ocean’s Eleven,” the first installment in Soderbergh’s heist trilogy featuring George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Damon, had not yet come out.

And Damon was mired in his fourth round of reshoots for the long-delayed action thriller “The Bourne Identity” that, at the time, showed all the signs of another turkey, the last thing he needed after his string of duds “The Legend of Bagger Vance,” “All the Pretty Horses” and the animated adventure “Titan A.E.”

“I was about as cold as you can be in Hollywood,” Damon, 38, said in an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where Soderbergh’s “The Informant!” played in advance of its theatrical release Friday. “He calls me out of the blue and says, ‘I have something for us to work on, and it’s this incredible story with this incredible character.’”

Soderbergh saw Damon as the ideal choice to play Mark Whitacre, an executive who became an FBI whistle-blower in the 1990s to expose a price-fixing scheme at corporate giant Archer Daniels Midland. Whitacre went undercover for two and a half years, wearing wires to build a case about his company’s collusion with competitors.

Through it all, Whitacre also gradually revealed his own embezzlement, the amounts of money involved absurdly rising as one lie was uncovered and he made up a fresh one to take its place. While federal officials secured convictions against two other top Archer Daniels Midland executives, Whitacre wound up doing nine years in prison in the very scheme he helped expose.

It’s a surprising turn for Damon, who packed on 30 pounds for the role, and his boyish good looks are concealed beneath stiff hair, thick moustache and corny Midwestern suit and tie.

“The Informant!” is based on Kurt Eichenwald’s book, a serious account of Whitacre’s story. As a straight drama, Soderbergh felt it would rehash Russell Crowe’s whistle-blower tale “The Insider.”

So the filmmakers centered on the incredulity factor of Whitacre’s story and how he managed to string along his FBI handlers with one fib after another. Damon figures the absurdist approach makes “The Informant!” an easier sell to audiences weary of hearing about corporate greed and corruption amid the economic meltdown.

“It’s a comedy,” he said, “so I think people enjoy it more and will be in a position to listen to what the movie’s saying because it’s more light-hearted.”

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'9'
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"9" The film had potential, but the gorgeous animation ends up being wasted on a sub-par story. Not worth \$9 at the theater

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Saw White Out (with Kate Beckinsdale) worst \$ ever spent. Painful to watch, predictable plot, way 2 much snow 4 a sunny day.

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Saw Love Happens last night. Finally, a Jennifer Aniston movie that I truly love!

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**Eckhart
and Aniston**

Love Happens (PG-13)

Who's in it: Jennifer Aniston, Aaron Eckhart

What it's about: A self-help author (Eckhart) on a business trip in Seattle unexpectedly sparks with a woman (Aniston) who attends one of his seminars.

Worth watching?

"Eckhart and Aniston are so utterly lacking in chemistry with each other (and they're both pretty bland individually) that it's hard to discern any genuine emotion." **CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP**



Fox

Jennifer's Body (R)

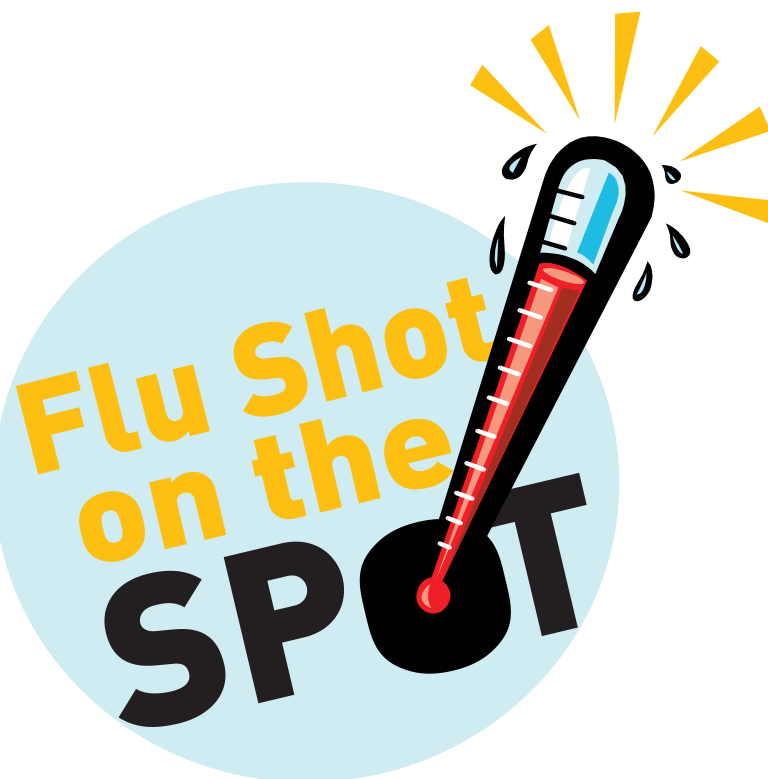
Who's in it: Megan Fox, Amanda Seyfried

What it's about: High school vamp Jennifer (Fox) binges on the guts of boys until she runs afoul of her bestie, Needy (Seyfried). "Juno" writer Diablo Cody also penned this.

Worth watching?

"The decent thing to do with 'Jennifer's Body' would be to cremate it and scatter the ashes."

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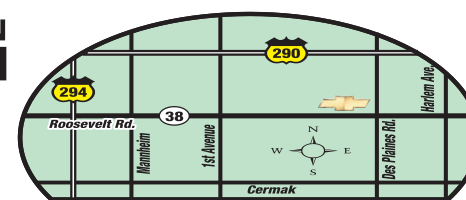
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Corruption stars in 'Informant!'



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**THE
INFORMANT!**
(R)



Real-life whistleblower Mark Whitacre (Matt Damon) hopes to climb the corporate ladder while ratting out his agribusiness colleagues for price fixing—regardless of how haphazardly he aids FBI agents (Scott Bakula, Joel McHale) and, oops, commits some white-collar crimes of his own.

The buzz: Inspired by real events and adapted from Kurt Eichenwald's book, "The Informant!" should come with plenty of zip thanks to director Steven Soderbergh and writer Scott Z. Burns. Supporting parts for comedians McHale, Tony Hale, Patton Oswalt, Scott Adsit and Paul F. Tompkins also are likely to lighten things up. But is this story—which includes Whitacre's eventual diagnosis of bipolar disorder—meant to be a joke?

The verdict: Whitacre is a hilarious contradiction of good intentions and bad decisions, and Damon, undoubtedly one of his generation's most versatile actors, magnifies both the strategy and foolishness with which this guy operates. All the lies and half-truths grow repetitive, and too many decisions happen off-screen or don't happen at all. Yet beneath the laughs is a story about the very relevant normalcy of corruption within certain institutions, told around a guy who's funny and sad, ridiculous and pathetic, like a little animal caught in a big trap.

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**Damon in
'Informant!'**
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The Burning Plain (R)

■■■■ Mariana (Jennifer Lawrence) and Santiago (J.D. Pardo) begin sleeping together after the death of Mariana's mom (Kim Basinger) and Santiago's dad (Joaquim de Almeida), who also were sleeping together. In a parallel story, Sylvia (Charlize Theron) is hollow and unhappy and sleeps with practically everyone who looks in her direction.

The buzz: With films like "Babel" and "21 Grams," writer Guillermo Arriaga (making his feature directorial debut) has covered an extensive spectrum of emotional experiences, from things that are depressing to things that are really, really depressing. Yet his chronologically jumbled films usually feature excellent acting and at least some level of depth, so maybe "Plain"—which involves infidelity, murder, racism, cancer and a plane crash—will be another downer worth seeing.

The verdict: Jeez, get this filmmaker an ice cream cone, stat. "Plain" is a monotonous, suffocating experience with no payoff or purpose, other than noting bad decisions have consequences and pain lasts a long time.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)

■■■■ "Meatballs" is light on its feet and quick-witted. **MP**

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- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
- **Ingloirous** (R) 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
- **The Informant!** (R) 1:55, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
- **Whiteout** (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
- **District 9** (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:50

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- **Burning Plain** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:25, 10:10
- **Septembr Issue** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
- **Baader Meinhof** (R) 1:20, 4:35, 8:00
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:05, 7:35, 10:00
- **Taking Woods** (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
- **It Might** (PG) 1:35, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

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- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 9:30, 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 10:10, 12:50, 3:30, 6:05, 8:30, 11:00
- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ Closed caption 11:40, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 9:50, 11:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30
- **Halloween II** (R) 10:20, 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 10:50, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10
- **Ingloirous** (R) 11:30, 3:10, 6:40, 9:55
- **District 9** (R) 9:40, 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:50, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

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- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
- **Ingloirous** (R) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 5:30, 9:45
- **District 9** (R) 7:30, P.M.

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- **Gamer** (R) 11:55, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **Halloween II** (R) 10:45, 1:10, 3:40, 6:05, 8:30, 10:55
- **Ingloirous** (R) 11:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 10:50, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 10:45, 1:05, 3:30, 5:50, 8:20, 11:00
- **Whiteout** (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
- **9** (PG-13) 11:40, 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 11:00, 1:10, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 10:55, 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 10:15
- **G-Force** (PG) 11:15, 1:20, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:40

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- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 2:15, 6:00, 8:30
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) 2:05, 4:05, 6:05, 8:10
- **Ponyo** (G) 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 2:05, 4:15, 6:25, 8:40

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- **No Impact Man** (NR) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Chicago United** (NR)
- **Muppet Movie** (G) 12:00 Midnight

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- **AMC Select Paper Heart** (PG-13) 2:20, 7:20
- **AMC Select Cold Souls** (PG-13) 4:45, 9:40
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
- **Wanted** (R) 3:00, 6:15, 9:30
- **Ocean of Pearls** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

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- **Love Happens** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- **Sorority Row** (R) 11:40, 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:45
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 1:25, 2:25, 4:25, 5:25, 7:25, 8:25, 10:25, 11:25
- **Gamer** (R) 12:40, 6:05, 11:15
- **Extract** (R) 11:25, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00
- **Ingloirous** (R) 12:10, 3:45, 7:20, 10:50
- **Ingloirous** (R) 11:10, 2:45, 6:20, 9:50
- **The Informant!** (R) 10:15, 11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30, 12:00
- **Whiteout** (R) 5:10, 7:45, 10:35
- **AMC Select Septembr Issue** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
- **9** (PG-13) 10:45, 11:45, 1:02, 2:10, 3:40, 4:35, 6:00, 7:05, 8:15, 9:25, 10:30, 11:40
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) 10:25, 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 10:35, 12:50, 3:00, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
- **Time Traveler** (PG-13) 10:00, 3:15, 8:30
- **District 9** (R) 10:10, 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 10:05
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 11:20, 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:20
- **AMC Select 500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 10:20, 1:05, 3:30, 6:10, 8:40, 11:10
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 10:05, 1:35

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

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- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 9:50, 10:20, 12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00, 4:50, 5:20, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00, 11:45, 12:30
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 10:50, 1:15, 3:40, 6:15, 8:45, 11:15
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15, 12:55
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 10:45, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20, 12:10
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05, 12:40
- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30, 1:00
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 9:45, 12:30, 3:20, 6:20, 9:00, 12:01

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 10:40, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50, 12:20
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 11:00, 1:20, 3:50, 6:05, 8:15, 10:35, 12:45
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45, 12:15
- **Extract** (R) 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10, 12:25
- **Gamer** (R) 9:55, 12:35
- **Halloween II** (R) 11:50, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 8:10, 10:20, 12:50
- **Ingloirous** (R) 11:10, 2:45, 6:10, 9:40
- **District 9** (R) 9:40, 12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 9:10, 11:45
- **Time Traveler** (PG-13) 10:20, 1:10, 3:45, 6:40, 9:15, 11:50
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 10:10, 1:00, 4:00, 6:50

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

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- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 10:20, 9:20
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 11:20, 1:40, 3:50, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- **Extract** (R) 11:40, 2:10, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **Ingloirous** (R) 10:10, 12:10, 1:30, 3:40, 4:50, 7:15, 8:20, 10:25
- **District 9** (R) 10:30, 1:20, 4:15, 7:40, 10:25
- **Time Traveler** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:40
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:50, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

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- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 2:15, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:50, 10:15
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- **Gamer** (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45
- **Halloween II** (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 8:40
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:15, 9:30

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:00
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 2:15, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:50, 10:15
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:00, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
- **Gamer** (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45
- **Halloween II** (R) 2:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **Final Destinatin** (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 8:40
- **District 9** (R) 12:30, 3:20, 6:15, 9:30

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- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:05, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 12:05, 2:00, 3:55, 5:50, 7:45, 9:40
- **Ingloirous** (R) 12:00, 3:05, 6:10, 9:15
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30

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- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 3D** (PG) ★ 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30
- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) ★ 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
- **Jennifer's Body** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
- **Love Happens** (PG-13) ★ 11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Informant!** (R) ★ 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
- **9** (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 12:15, 1:35, 2:35, 3:40, 4:40, 5:45, 6:50, 7:50, 9:00, 9:55
- **District 9** (R) 12:40, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
- **Extract** (R) 12:25, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
- **Ingloirous** (R) 1:50, 5:15, 8:40
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
- **My One and Only** (PG-13) 2:25, 7:45
- **Septembr Issue** (PG-13) ★ 11:45, 2:20, 4:45

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Los Angeles Times

Phil Lord easily sums up how he and his longtime creative partner, Chris Miller, have become successful.

"We've made a career out of being in over our heads," he said, talking about how their feature debut as writers and directors is the ambitiously outsized 3-D animated film "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," opening Friday.

The 1978 children's book from which it is adapted had only a spare story, so Miller and

Lord created a plot involving a struggling young inventor (voiced by Bill Hader) who discards his malfunctioning water-to-food machine only to discover it works all too well when the skies spill all manner of edibles. His creation seems a boon to his struggling hometown, as well as to a weathergirl with larger aspirations (Anna Faris), until things go haywire.

Miller and Lord started working together while both were at Dartmouth College, later moving to L.A. to develop animation projects

for Disney. They placed their animated "Clone High" on MTV and moved on to working on a string of sitcoms as writers and producers, including the first season of "How I Met Your Mother."

"Animation is just another way of telling a story," said Miller of how they've bounced between live-action and animated comedy. "The medium is less important than the story we're trying to tell and the funniest way to tell it. Animation is awesome because there's a real-



Lord



Miller

ly bold type of comedy you can get away with that you couldn't get away with in live action, a broader, campier style."

In addition to Hader and Faris, the film's voice-cast is populated with a startlingly hip group of performers that includes Andy Samberg, James Caan, Lauren Graham, Neil Patrick Harris, Mr. T and Bruce Campbell. The directors' attention to the odd detail led to small references from the original book—a boy in Groucho Marx glasses, a man in a bathtub caught in a tornado—and Lord and Miller also spent a lot of time imagining the various foodstuffs that would pummel the town.

"We tried to do as progressive a version of a mainstream family movie as possible," Lord said. "We tried to push the envelope in every area that people could stomach and deliver the craziest movie the studio would allow. ... But then there's a flying roast chicken and Mr. T running around."

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Theron bares all in 'The Burning Plain'

The Washington Post

Guillermo Arriaga's "The Burning Plain" is a slow-simmer sort of film, taking every moment of its nearly two hours to bring its story of two families connected by tragedy to a boil. But it takes just 20 seconds to expose—literally, EXPOSE—its star, Charlize Theron.

Oh, yes, the gorgeous former model is naked.

But the scene leaves you far more uneasy than aroused. As mysterious loner Sylvia, Theron cuts a harsh, flawed figure in the cold, bluish light of morning. "Get out," she snaps to a man sleeping in her bed.

And she doesn't bother saying goodbye when he leaves.

"When I read the script I thought it was a great opening to the character," Theron said of her stark introduction. "You start asking questions immediately as soon as you see it. ... 'Who is this woman? Who would be that cold to the man that she wakes up with?'"

Playing unlikable characters is nothing new to Theron, who won an Oscar in 2004 for her physically and emotionally unflattering turn as serial killer Aileen Wuornos in "Monster."

The role of Sylvia gave Theron a chance to star in the directorial debut of Arriaga, who is best known as the screenwriter

for the acclaimed indies "Amores Perros" and "21 Grams." The movie, which opens Friday, cuts between the story of Sylvia and that of two families living in a small town near the border of New Mexico and Mexico. Another plotline involves a plane crash that leaves a little girl facing the possibility of losing her only caregiver, her father.

"Guillermo really writes how we think," Theron said.

Publicly, Sylvia is a graceful, whip-smart restaurateur, but privately she is drowning in a sea of self-destruction. "How can she run a restaurant and behave how she is?" Theron asked. "She just had a terrible accident happen in her life, and it really sort of marked her. I like that not everything is answered. ... You want to live in a society that is dealt with and done with, and that's not life. Life is not done with and dealt with."

Theron is often as terse as her character when talking about her life and her work, which lately has included producing a slate of movies and even TV pilots under the banner of her production company Denver and Delilah Films (named for her two dogs).

Ask her what a day in the life of Charlize Theron is like and she'll answer: "I work. I have an office. I have a whole team of people. ... I don't ever want to have my days pass me and be 80 and go, '[Bleep], where did it all go?'"

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- 13 Copycat
- 15 Exchange
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- 17 Become weary
- 18 Rule as a monarch
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- 22 In a lazy way
- 23 Track distances
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- 26 Put in one's debt
- 29 Choke
- 34 Prepare cheese for a pizza
- 35 Iron alloy
- 36 Feel miserable
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- 38 Pottery fragment
- 39 Brass instrument
- 40 Adam and _
- 41 Straighten
- 42 Doctrine
- 43 Tranquilizer
- 45 Weevil
- 46 Get-up-and-go
- 47 "Cheers" role
- 48 Israeli dance
- 51 Gum flavor
- 56 Mine passage
- 57 Like weather in the tropics
- 58 Ark builder
- 60 Snack
- 61 Martini garnish
- 62 Puncture
- 63 Zane or Lady Jane
- 64 Discourage
- 65 At the present time

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Taylor Swift and Beyonce at least get to end their wild week on a high note—both ladies made it onto People's 10 best-dressed list for 2009. In editions of the mag on newsstands Friday, Swift earned props for "best sparkle"—she IS always wearing sequins and glitter—while Mrs. Jay-Z took the prize for "best street chic."

For the most part, People stuck to the usual suspects—Michelle Obama, Kate Winslet.

But newcomer Freida Pinto of "Slumdog Millionaire" won "best use of color" and tween idol Vanessa Hudgens topped the Olsen twins for the "best boho chic" title.

People's style editor also gave "Today's" Natalie Morales a preview of some of the top fashion faux pas, namely Kate Gosselin's angled 'do and Jessica Simpson's infamous high-waisted jeans. (We can't imagine Lady Gaga's blood-red lace face mask is far behind.)

Here's a glance at some of the winners.

The best



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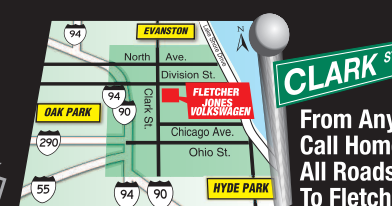
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Miss Piggy has nothing to worry about, people. Kermit is not dating Lady Gaga. That's according to an interview the muppet gave to **people.com** following his appearance with the pop star Sunday on the MTV VMAs' red carpet. (And, for the record: Yes, we are quoting an inanimate felt object for this one.) "Lady Gaga is a wonderful person," the magazine quotes Kermit as saying. "As far as kissing Lady Gaga goes: She is a very good kisser, but it was not a romantic kiss. It was a kiss for good luck. Kissing a frog is good luck for the person giving the kiss—but bad luck for the frog if his pig finds out." A-a-a-and scene.



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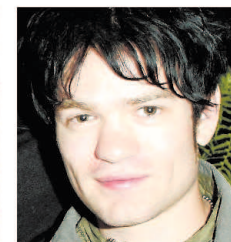
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Amount Michael Jackson's mom is receiving each month from Jackson's estate to support herself and his kids, The Associated Press reports. Katherine Jackson's monthly allowance is \$26,804; the children's allowance is \$60,000 per month, according to AP.

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Lavigne



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Another one goes kaput

Avril Lavigne's life just got a little less—or more—complicated. The pop star and her hubby, Deryck Whibley of Sum 41, are splitting up, the couple announced Thursday, **people.com** reports. The two remain on good terms: "I am grateful for our time together, and I am grateful and blessed for our remaining friendship," Lavigne writes on her Web site.

MadTV

Set your TiVos. On Monday, "Oprah Goes Back in Time: The 60s," according to a blog on **amctv.com**. January Jones and Jon Hamm of "Mad Men" will sit down with the talk show host. The New York Times reports the show will have a 1960s-themed set, a performance from "Jersey Boys" and an audience dressed in 1960s costumes. And O will showcase her "Favorite Things" from the '60s. How neat!

Smashing news

Good news for Smashing Pumpkins fans. Billy Corgan and Co. are back in the studio working on a new album, a new *free* album. According to a blog post by Corgan on **smashingpumpkins.com**, the band is going to record 44 songs for the album "Teargarden by Kaleidyscope" and release it one track at a time beginning at the end of October. For the super fans, a limited-edition box of four 11-song EP's will be available after all of the songs are released.

Baby bliss

"Grey's Anatomy's" Katherine Heigl and husband Josh Kelley released the first pictures of their new baby, a 10-month-old girl adopted from South Korea. Naleigh is named after Heigl's mother Nancy and her sister, Margaret Leigh, who also was adopted from Korea, according to **usmagazine.com**.



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